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Repairs to the supply vagu to Damerla tank.

*108 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how long the supply vagu to the Damerla tank in the Cumbum taluk of the Kurnool district has been breached at Kottapalli;

(b) what the acreage and assessment under the said tank is—

(i) under double crop wet,

(ii) single crop wet,

(iii) irrigable dry;

(c) whether owing to the breach Gojeruvu tank which received its supply from the surplus water of this vagu, is in danger of being flooded by rush of water beyond its capacity; and

(d) why the supply vagu to the Damerla tank has not been repaired yet?

A.—(a), (c) & (d) Information on these points has been called for.

(b) The following particulars are taken from the Settlement Registers:—

Damarla cheruvu—Fasli 1319—*Class III—Capacity—* 6 *months.*

Registered double crop wet ...	...	Nil.
First crop wet	...	312 acres.
Dry irrigated in fasli 1319 ..	...	28 ,,
Second crop wet in fasli 1319	...	43 ,,
Assessment	...	Rs. 1,721
Charge for water (on dry crop)	...	,, 188
Net revenue	...	Rs. 1,909

*Gocheruvu tank—Class III—Capacity—*6 *months—Fasli* 1318.

First crop wet	...	Nil.
Dry irrigated	...	6 acres.
Actual area of second crop ...	...	Nil.
Assessment (wet)	...	Nil.
Charge for water on dry crops	...	Rs. 23

Land Assignment

Facilities to Adi-Dravidas for improving waste lands.

*109 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the waste lands assigned to the Adi-Dravidas through the Labour department in South Kanara are generally third-rate dry lands which cannot be brought under cultivation without spending a good deal of labour and money;

(b) whether a portion of the lands granted are resumed year after year on account of the assignees' failure to pay the assessment;

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(c) whether the Government propose to give any special facilities to these people to improve the land and make it productive ; and

(d) whether they have considered the question of waiving the assessment for the first few years until the land brings in a return ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government are not aware that the facts are as alleged.

(c) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

(d) The question of remitting for the first few years the assessment on all lands assigned to the depressed classes in the Presidency was considered by the Government in 1922 The Government then came to the conclusion that a general exemption of this kind was not calculated to further the object in view. The Government have, however, sanctioned the exemption of lands assigned to the depressed classes from the liability to pay assessment and irrigation cess in certain special cases, e.g., lands in the Divi Island, and in Kistna and Nellore districts.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" With reference to the answer to clauses (a) and (b), may I know whether Government will call for a report from South Kanara ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Yes, Sir."

Reservation and Assignment of lands to depressed classes.

* 110 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a statement showing

(a) the areas in the several districts of lands,

(1) reserved for the depressed classes,

(2) assigned to them,

(b) the conditions as to payment of assessment, cultivation, building houses, etc., under which such lands have been assigned and

(c) the areas of lands resumed for neglect of the terms, and

(ii) to state—

(a) whether on the whole the conditions laid down have been observed by the assignees ;

(b) how many wells have been dug (i) by the assignees or (ii) by Government in the lands assigned and at what cost ; and

(c) what steps have been taken (i) to notify the survey numbers or sub-survey numbers of the lands (a) reserved for the depressed classes, and (b) assigned to them, and (ii) to indicate by walls or fences such (a) reserved and (b) assigned lands ?

A.—(i) (a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to statements VII and II appended to the Administration Report of the Labour Department for the year ending 31st March 1927 printed in G.O. No. 2434 L., dated 26th October 1927, which has been placed on Editor's Table.

(b) The assignment of cultivable land to depressed classes is on ordinary ryotwari tenure with the special conditions specified in clauses (d) and (f) of paragraph 38 of B.S.O.